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## NO COUNTY DIVISION

ROSWELL COMMERCIAL CLUB ADOPTS STRONG RESOLUTION AGAINST IT.

### FORCIBLE EXPRESSIONS

Merchants, Bankers and Farmers Declare Themselves Opposed to Any Division of Pecos Valley Counties.—Mass Meeting Saturday Afternoon at the Court House.

#### MEMORIAL ADOPTED.

Resolved, That: The Roswell Commercial Club, in session with full attendance and without a dissenting vote, on motion opposes the creation of Artesia county or any other county division scheme in the Pecos Valley.

W. M. ATKINSON, E. A. CAHOON, J. F. HINKLE, W. S. PRAGER, J. W. KINSINGER, Committee.

Without a dissenting vote, and with every man in the house on his feet for the measure, the above memorial was adopted at last night's meeting of the citizens and members at the rooms of the Roswell Commercial Club, held for the purpose of discussing the proposed new county of Artesia. The meeting was all one way. There was not a man in the big crowd present who did not stand for a continuation of the present county arrangement. It was like an election in the Pecos Valley.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 by President G. A. Richardson, of the Commercial Club. After stating the purpose of the meeting, the visitors from down the valley were given the honor of first taking the floor. C. H. McLenathen, of Carlsbad, in responding said he was glad to meet the representative men of Roswell; that Carlsbad felt thankful to Roswell for its kind offices at the time of the Avalon dam washout disaster two years ago; that Carlsbad had never had an opportunity to publicly thank Roswell for its services, and that they did now, every man of Carlsbad with all their hearts. He said that the committee present from Carlsbad had been pleasantly surprised as to the sentiment of Roswell on county division, having expected to be compelled to talk up the proposition here and having found the town unanimous in their favor. He said further that he had nothing against Artesia, personally or otherwise, but that its new county plan was premature. He said their bill in the legislature has misleading figures, and that these figures should be shown to be wrong. The statement prepared by Artesia makes it appear that the new county would be self-supporting, but all the items in the tax assessment are not mentioned. Their portion of the county debt is taken on the present assessment, and their basis of taxation is taken on predicted values a year or more from now. Mr. McLenathen asked Roswell to help Carlsbad in the fight against any kind of division. He said that Artesia would ask first for a county made up of four tiers of townships from Eddy county, one tier from Chaves county and the Lower Pecos of Chaves county. This failing, they will ask for a county made up entirely of Eddy county, and two years later will ask for the part of Chaves county not given this time. Failing these, they will try for it again in four

years, offering as argument that Chaves county extends to within 6 miles of their court house. He closed with an earnest appeal to stand together against any kind of division.

A. N. Pratt, of Carlsbad, said in part: "We should stand together and maintain the reputation the Pecos Valley has of always being harmonious. The proposed county of Artesia would not be able to support itself. Eddy county, stripped of some of its best territory, would not be able to support itself. Chaves county has seen the time when it was not able to keep up all its institutions, and is none too strong now. The citizens of Carlsbad met last Saturday night and have since gotten up extensive petitions against the division. An example of the proposed new county is before us in the case of Roosevelt county, which would be better off if still a part of Chaves county, whether Chaves county would thus be made better or not. The Pecos Valley certainly should maintain its reputation for standing together."

Tom Waller, of Lakewood, was called upon and said in part: "I have the evidence in my pocket in the form of a petition with signers, that with the exception of two, the citizens of Lakewood are against any kind of county division in the Pecos Valley at this time. We have a very fair county at present, but do not want to ruin it by making two bad ones out of it. Artesia is not fair in its request, for it wants to take the best part of Eddy county in making up the new one. Eddy has suffered enough. Two years ago I helped get signers against county division. All were against it then, and all still believe we are not ready for another county now. Artesia has many mistakes and misleading arguments in its statement and case."

James F. Hinkle, of Roswell, said: "Everybody knows I am against any kind of county division in the Pecos Valley at this time. Not like our friends from Carlsbad, I am afraid of a county division of some kind at the present legislature. There is a sentiment for more counties. The danger lies in Artesia drifting in on this sentiment wave. For several years Roswell has been suffering for the middle valley by being used as a show ground to prospectors that the lands down the valley might be sold on Roswell's merits. In that way we

boosted the middle and lower valley more than they can ever repay. I would like to say that the Lower Pecos pays the most taxes, per voter, of any township in New Mexico, the rate being on about \$2,500 valuation per vote. Artesia county would not be self-sustaining. Neither would the reduced Eddy county. I favor standing with Carlsbad and the present arrangement."

County Commissioner W. M. Atkinson said he was strongly against any kind of division, and was in favor of fighting 'em to a finish."

E. A. Cahoon said: "I feel like the rest. We should not give up any of our territory if it is possible to keep it. We struggled along for years under poor conditions. Now we are the most prosperous county in the Territory, as indicated by the amount of taxes, per capita, we pay and the way we pay it. We are now beginning to be able to put in public improvements. Any change as contemplated would throw us back into our old condition. Small counties are all right when their population and wealth justify it. Artesia has not the requisites, and will not have for a long time. Artesia claims it will show the required valuations next year. They propose to assume county indebtedness on their present assessments. We are carrying \$18,000 of old Lincoln county's indebtedness alone. Their figures do not show any such load. There is no doubt as to the people of Chaves county being practically a unit against the proposition. The only trouble is that they are not awake to the dangers. All should come to the front and use all their influence against the measure. The move is selfish on the part of Artesia. The people in the proposed county, except the citizens of Artesia and immediate vicinity, can come to Roswell or Carlsbad as easily and as conveniently as they could go to Artesia, were it the county seat, all having the same railroad facilities. All the men of Artesia now in Santa Fe working for the new county want either offices in the new county or want to better their business, or both. That is the secret of the move."

W. S. Prager endorsed the previous speakers. County Treasurer Smith Lea endorsed all the others and added that he had written Santa Fe people that every man he had consulted on the new county proposition was dead against it.

K. S. Woodruff said: "Let's fight 'em to a finish, and never give up anything till we have to."

Nathan Jaffa said: "We are just getting in a position to stand favorably with the rest of the Territory, and we ought to continue our present organizations until we grow a little. When the time comes that this part of the valley can support three counties I will be in favor of it, but that time is not now."

Judge Richardson said: "I am opposed to a division of Chaves or Eddy county, whether the county seat is at Hagerman or Artesia. I am opposed to creating an offspring not self-sustaining, as Roosevelt county. I have talked to some Artesia people who are not in favor of it. The sentiment, even there, is divided. A majority there favor it, but it is not unanimous. The new county would not be self-sustaining. As to the future, the future will have to determine. The new county idea is being rushed in, but the county is not needed now. If I were in the legislature I would oppose the new county, as a representative of the people of the proposed new county, in fairness to them, for I think the new county would be harmful to them at this time. Decided steps should be taken to thwart the movement."

S. W. Holder, of Lake Arthur, said: "I am opposed to it and speak for practically everyone in Lake Arthur."

Upon Mr. Hinkle's suggestion a vote of the house was taken on the new county idea, and every man in the house rose to his feet against it. Upon motion a committee was appointed to draft a resolution and report in five minutes. The resolution, as quoted at the head of this article, was unanimously adopted with a motion to have it telegraphed at once to Governor Hagerman, Chas. A. Spiess, president of the Territorial Council; R. L. Baca, speaker of the House; Hon. J. O. Cameron, A. H. Hudspeth and James W. Mullins, representatives of the Pecos Valley in the legislature.

It was suggested that all members write to their friends in Santa Fe urging that the Pecos Valley counties be left in their present organization for the present.

It was suggested that the Roswell Daily Record be sent to all members of the legislature during the present session.

Arrangements were made for a citizens' meeting at the court house at four o'clock Saturday afternoon to discuss this question.

The town of Hagerman had a committee here yesterday afternoon, composed of Mr. Casson of the New Mexico Trading Company, and John I. Hinkle, cashier of the Hagerman National Bank, conferring with some of the Club members and citizens in regard to county division matters. The Record is informed that the people of Hagerman are opposed to any kind of division at this time and will join hands with Roswell to help Lake Arthur, Pecos and the Plains retain their places as a part of Chaves county.

NEW YORK COFFEE CO'S FAMOUS COFFEE BREAKFAST BELL AT JOYCE PRUIT CO.

#### DR. VEAL REPORTS WORK ON NEW ROAD.

Dr. G. T. Veal returned last night from Dallas and Fort Worth, where he has been for six weeks looking after the prospective new railroad into Roswell from the East. He reports that the contract for the building of a portion of the new roadbed out of Mineral Wells had been let and that the work would be pushed in this direction as rapidly as possible, and will be continued as long as the funds last.

W. W. Pitts received a letter from his father, at Mineral Wells, yesterday, stating that 250 teams had been at work on the roadbed for the new railroad to Roswell since Christmas.

#### BUSINESS MEN GO TO INTER-STATE COMMERCE MEETING

J. A. Graham, secretary of the Commercial Club, Harold Hurd, R. afterwards attempted to commit suicide, of Hagerman, and other business men from down the valley left this morning for Amarillo to attend the meeting of the Interstate Commerce Commission which tries the suit of the Pecos Valley shippers against the P. V. & N. E. railroad there Friday and Saturday.

#### Family Found Frozen On A Manitoba Prairie

Manitoba, Jan. 24.—The police of St. Boniface, across the river from Winnipeg were notified yesterday, that five men, a woman and a baby, who had wandered out on the prairie from a stalled train near Starbuck, had been lost and had frozen to death. The man and the woman and the infant were found, the adults dead and the infant dying.

#### WASHINGTON FIRE CAUSES A LOSS OF \$50,000

Washington, Jan. 24.—The Academy of Music at Ninth and D sts., Northwest, was almost completely gutted by fire of unknown origin which broke out about five o'clock this morning. The fire was confined to the stage and the auditorium. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

#### Nine year old Rippy.—Oriental.

Only a few nights more of the Passion Play. Don't miss it. Admission for children under 12 years of age has been reduced to 25c.

The best to see at the Majestic tonight, 10c.

Four quart granite Stew and Dish Pans, 10 cts. Buggy whips and Hat Racks, 10c.—Makin's Bargains. 77tf

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#### U. S. WEATHER BUREAU. (Local Report.)

Roswell, N. M., Jan. 24.—Temperature.—Max., 62; min., 31; mean, 46. Precipitation, 00; wind S., velocity 5 miles; weather foggy.

Forecast, Roswell and Vicinity: Fair and colder tonight and Friday. M. WRIGHT, Official in Charge.

#### STRENUOUS TIMES IN THE LOWER HOUSE.

Special to the Daily Record. Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 24.—The Republicans of the house have had strenuous times over employees. They held a caucus last night and two this morning. Bursum and other organization leaders are fighting for a reduced number of employees, and are using the expectation of a veto of appropriation bills by Governor Hagerman to influence the members for economy. Due to their efforts 52 extra employees have been discharged.

The question is still unsettled, however, as many members are trying to override the wishes of the party leaders.

The employee question has been satisfactorily settled in the Council. The division has been on a basis of \$15,000, giving \$5,400 to the Council and \$9,600 to the House. The House wants about \$25,000, but it is contended that \$15,000 is the limit, and that Governor Hagerman will veto anything above that.

The House committees were named yesterday evening. J. W. Mullins gets a place on the Committees on Territorial Affairs, Irrigation, Library, Public Property, and on the important new committee on Live Stock. This is a strong recognition for a Democrat to receive.

J. O. Cameron is making a good impression, and the probabilities are that the Pecos Valley representation will be influential in shaping legislation.

The Council is in recess until late this afternoon, doing nothing this morning. The House at 12:20 p. m. took a recess until 3 p. m.

It is expected that the bill taking the appointment of district attorneys from the Governor will be put thru this afternoon. Fullen, of Carlsbad is slated for appointment to succeed J. M. Hervey as district attorney.

Col. Catron withdrew his contest against Miera this afternoon in the interest of "harmony in the Republican party."

#### NEW HEAD OF ISTHMIAN CANAL COMMISSION.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The announcement was made today at the War Department that the office of chairman and chief engineer of the Isthmian Canal Commission would be combined, and that Mr. Stevens, the chief engineer, would be given the appointment, the understanding being that he will maintain his residence upon the Isthmus. The resignation of Chairman Shonts, it was also stated, will be accompanied by his resignation as president of the Panama Railroad Company. Shonts will become president of the Interborough Metropolitan Company which controls the Rapid Transit and many surface lines of New York.

#### Shonts Interviewed.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 24.—Theodore Shonts, who is to speak here tonight as the guest of the Knife and Fork Club, arrived in Kansas City this morning from the East. In the course of an interview regarding his resignation, he said: "I have done exactly what I said I should do, organize the Isthmian Canal Commission. There was no friction—not a bit of friction." Referring to the talk that he had resigned for a position that meant more money, Mr. Shonts said, with much show of spirit, "Now why should men say such things? I should not have resigned at all if the President had not consented in advance. The President realized that the opportunity was exceptional and that I might do much for New York people in assuming charge of the Interborough railway. You may say that this is one government job that was resigned with every possible feeling of courtesy and good will from both sides."

#### Senator Alger Dies Suddenly.

Washington, Jan. 24.—United States Senator Russell A. Alger, of Michigan, died suddenly at his home here at 8:45 this morning. At 8:30 the Senator had a pleasant chat with his wife, then went down stairs. A few minutes later his heart failed and death came quickly. The Senator had not been feeling well for several days. He was in the senate chamber Tuesday afternoon throughout the discussion of the Brownsville affair. He had suffered a chronic valvular disease of the heart for years.

The senate adjourned at 12:17 owing to the death of Senator Alger.

#### PROMINENT MERCHANT SHOT DEAD AT HIS DOOR

London, Jan. 24.—William Whitney, founder of the first big department store in London was shot and killed this afternoon by a young man who afterwards attempted to commit suicide. Whitney was on the point of leaving his store when his assailant rushed upon him, revolver in hand, and fired several shots, the merchant falling dead. The assassin then emptied his revolver into his own body. No reason is yet assigned for the murder. The store was crowded with shoppers and a panic followed the shooting.

#### ENCOURAGING REPORT ON COUNTY DIVISION.

The Las Vegas Optic says that a representative of that paper on Tuesday made a careful canvass of the members of the Territorial Council on the question of county division and the result showed seven members absolutely against division, two for division and three undecided. The Optic also says that in Santa Fe there is so much agitation on the question of division in various localities in the Territory that unless it is shut off nothing else can be accomplished by the present session of the legislature.

#### EARTHQUAKE CAUSES A DECREASE IN OIL FIELDS.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—According to a dispatch to the Record-Herald from Galveston, the Gulf Coast oil fields decreased their production over 45 percent within the last week and the cause is attributed to the seismic disturbances in Jamaica. The sudden drop was noticed the second day after the Jamaica quake and seventeen wells in Texas and Louisiana went dry entirely. After the Valparaiso earthquake, many wells ceased to flow, while an immense oil lake appeared out in the Gulf. The North Texas fields have increased 100 percent since the Jamaica shock and the product is of a much lighter color.



#### A MUSICAL SOCIAL AND A SOCIAL MUSICAL

To be given at the Methodist church South on Friday evening, Jan. 25, 1907. The following program will be had:

#### Program.

Popular Air, by the audience. Duet, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Hill. Old Love Song, Mrs. Norvell and Mr. Kirby. Solo, selected, Miss Eva Nelson. Vocal Solo, Mr. True. Duet, "Reuben and Rachael," Mrs. Mary P. Cobean and Mr. Kirby. Special number, orchestra.

Others have promised to take part who are too bashful to allow their names to appear.

Following the musicale will be a social hour, in which the main features will be GETTING ACQUAINTED, HAVING A GOOD TIME AND LUNCHING.

The first two are free, while the latter will cost 12½c apiece or two bits a couple.

The ladies of the church will furnish lunches (secreting their cards in te box or basket); the gentleman buying the lunch will be expected to find the lady and share the lunch with her. For visitors with escorts (other than the membership baskets) without any cards will be provided.

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